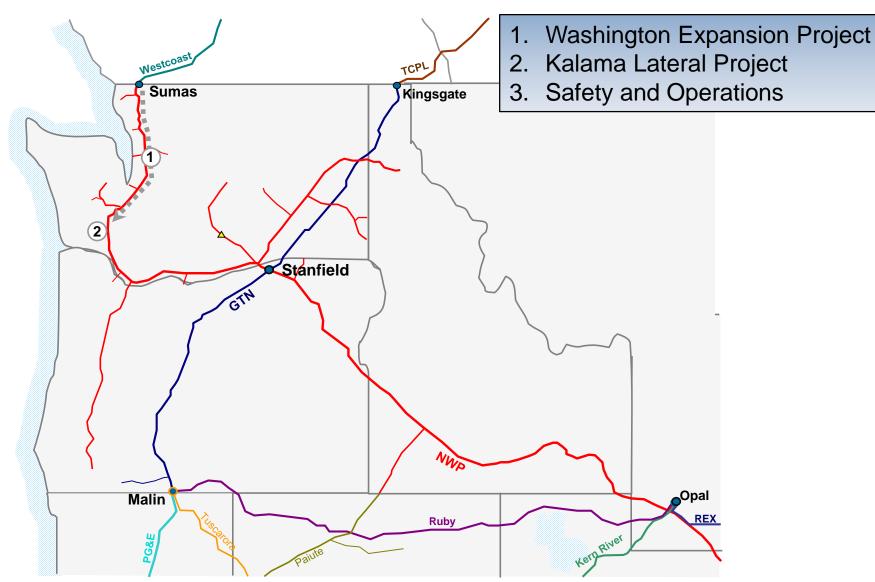


# 2015 Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety Meeting

Northwest Pipeline LLC September 9, 2015



## **Topics of Discussion**



## Washington Expansion Project (WEP) Overview

- > Expansion of Northwest's system from Sumas to Woodland, Washington to serve LNG Development Company's (Oregon LNG) liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal capable of liquefying 1.25 Bcf/d
  - 140 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline looping; and
  - ~ 90,000 incremental horsepower installed at existing compressor stations along the I-5 corridor
- > Provides 750,000 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of firm transportation to:
  - An interconnect with the proposed Oregon Pipeline located near Woodland, Washington which will deliver natural gas to the Oregon LNG terminal located in Warrenton, Oregon
    - Approximately 500,000 Dth/d of operationally available capacity has been available for deliveries to Woodland, Washington
- > Estimated fully loaded capital of \$1.1 Billion
  - \$0.56 Dth/d on a levelized basis
- > Target in-service date is November 2018 per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) application
- Design allows for a scaled down project if a smaller market comes in earlier than the proposed in-service
- > Under the jurisdiction of the FERC





### **WEP Design**

- > Fills in un-looped sections of Northwest's existing 36-inch pipeline loop creating a continuous 36-inch pipeline loop along side a 30-inch pipeline in the I-5 corridor between Sumas and Woodland
  - 10 loops traversing 8 counties
- Includes incremental compression at five existing compressor stations in the I-5 corridor
- > Provides an opportunity to other potential customers in the region to utilize the work product for a smaller project

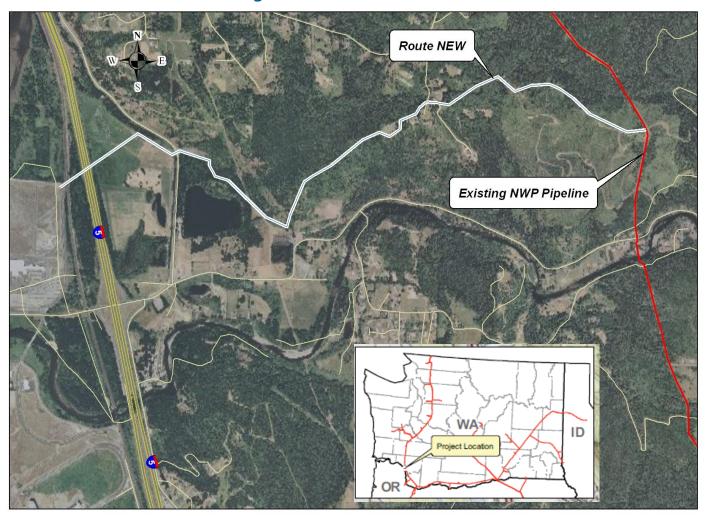


### **WEP Project Timeline**

- > Entered FERC's pre-filing environmental review process in July 2012
  - WEP is a considered a connected action with the LNG terminal and the Oregon Pipeline
  - FERC required Oregon LNG to obtain upstream capacity to serve its load
    - Oregon LNG is taking the risk on the secondary market
- > Filed FERC certificate June 2013
  - FERC will review Oregon LNG (CP09-6), Oregon Pipeline (CP09-7) and WEP (CP13-507) as a connected action
    - One Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
    - One Final EIS
    - · One certificate order
- > Draft EIS was issued August 5, 2015
  - Comments on the Draft EIS are due October 6, 2015
  - Six FERC sponsored public meetings to take comments on the Draft EIS are scheduled September 14-24, 2015
- > Final EIS is scheduled to issue February 12, 2016
- > Certificate order is anticipated to be issued mid-late 2016



## Kalama Lateral Project



> 3.1-mile, 24-inch diameter pipeline extending from Northwest's mainline to the Port of Kalama in Cowlitz County, Washington



## Kalama Lateral Project Overview

- > Project is under FERC jurisdiction
- > Provides up to 320,000 Dth/d of firm transportation capacity to Northwest Innovation Work's (NWIW) proposed methanol plant at the Port of Kalama
  - NWIW proposes to construct a 2-phase methanol facility requiring approximately 160,000 Dth/d per phase
- > Target in-service of methanol plant is late 2018



## Kalama Lateral Project Background

- > Lateral was previously filed with the FERC for a proposed power plant in 2012
- > FERC certificate filing was withdrawn after a significant amount of review when the customer cancelled its project in 2012
  - DEIS was near issuance
- > 13 alternative routes were evaluated. The current project route, the Timber Rock Route, was deemed the preferred route in the previous certificate.
- > Pre-construction agreement was executed with NWIW in July 2014 authorizing all work required to re-file and obtain a FERC certificate for the lateral



## Kalama Lateral Project Timeline

- > Filed FERC certificate October 27, 2014
  - Preferred route Timber Rock Route
- > Environmental Assessment was issued on July 13, 2015
  - FERC staff concluded that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of human life
  - Comment period ended on August 12, 2015
- > Certificate order anticipated October 2015
- > In-service date of methanol plant is late 2018



## Kalama Lateral Project - State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

- > SEPA was enacted by the Washington Legislature in 1971 to assist the state and local agencies in identifying environmental impacts that could result from governmental decisions when:
  - Issuing permits for private and public facilities, and
  - Issuing new regulations, policies or plans
- Information collected during the SEPA review process helps agency decision-makers, applicants and the public understand how a proposal will affect the environment
  - Information may be used to change a proposal to reduce likely environmental impacts
  - Information may be used to apply conditions or deny a proposal if adverse environmental impacts exist
- > SEPA is reviewing the methanol terminal, dock and pipeline as a single project under SEPA
  - The Port of Kalama and Cowlitz County are acting as co-leads for the SEPA process
  - The SEPA process is required for the Kalama Lateral Project to receive state and local permits
  - The pipeline remains under the jurisdiction of FERC



## **Natural Gas Pipeline Safety - Overview**

### > Safety is built into our pipelines

- Routed in locations where a pipeline can be safely operated and constructed minimizes impacts to communities where possible
- Constructed by welding high-strength pipe (substantial wall-thickness)
- 100% of the welds are x-rayed
- Buried with a minimum of 36 inches of cover
- Tested before going in-service at pressures higher than allowable operating pressures

### Interstate pipelines are regulated

- Pipelines are regulated by the U.S. DOT Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
- PHMSA administers safety regulations, conducts audits, and tracks pipeline incidents
- Pipeline operators are required to administer the following programs:
  - Maintain an Operations and Maintenance Manual
  - Operator Qualification Program
  - Public Outreach Program
  - Emergency Response Program
  - Integrity Management Program



## Natural Gas Pipeline Safety - Design

- > Pipeline design will meet or exceed all PHMSA requirements
  - Radiographic inspection: 100% vs 10% minimum required
  - Pressure testing: 125% vs 110% minimum required
  - Burial depth: 36" vs 24" minimum required
- > Wall thickness determination governed by PHMSA; criteria based on class location:
  - Class I DF 0.72
  - Class II DF 0.60
  - Class III DF 0.50
  - Class IV DF 0.40
- > Block valve spacing governed by PHMSA; criteria based on class location. Each point within a pipeline class must be located within the following distances of a block valve:
  - Class I 10 Miles
  - Class II 7 ½ Miles
  - Class III 4 Miles
  - Class IV 2 ½ Miles



## **Natural Gas Pipeline Safety - Routing**

### > Pipeline routing

- Ensure safe construction and operation is feasible
- Accessibility
- Hazard avoidance
- Pipeline stability (avoiding geohazards, side hill slopes and maximizing ridgeline alignments where possible)
  - If not possible, obtain geotechnical analysis of potential landslide areas to assure it is safe to construct and operate

### > Geologic hazards evaluation

- Phase 1 initial office review identifies existing landslides and areas susceptible to landslides within ¼ mile of proposed pipeline alignment by reviewing published maps and aerial photographs
- Phase 2 aerial reconnaissance of potential moderate or high risk areas identified during Phase 1 process
- Phase 3 surface reconnaissance review of moderate or high risk areas identified during Phase 1 & 2 processes
- Phase 4 LiDAR data review aids identification of terrains with possible landslide morphology, initiating additional surface reconnaissance of moderate to high risk areas



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